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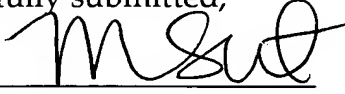
Dear Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of the Notice of Allowance dated October 7, 2005, in which there is no indication that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 28, 2005, has been considered. Applicant respectfully requests that the receipt and consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement be formally acknowledged at the earliest possible convenience. A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with the corresponding date-stamped postcard showing the respective filing date.

Acknowledgment of the references cited in the Information Disclosure  
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